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Clerk of the Board  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I St., Sacramento 95814

Re: **12/5/19 Public Hearing To Consider Proposed Control Measure  
for Ocean-Going Vessels At Berth**

Greetings:

I am writing to urge CARB to approve the rule that would extend its pollution-control requirements to many more container and cruise ships and, for the first time, include oil and chemical tankers and ships used to import and export cars.

Bay Area air quality is already seriously threatened by the dramatically increasing frequency of wildfires – disasters that are out of our control. All the more reason that we should do everything we can in our power to immediately reduce toxins in our air – especially those generated by the production of fossil fuels – the burning of which further degrades the air we breathe.

Most importantly, this is an environmental justice issue. The polluting of air in refinery and port communities hits the lower-income West County residents the hardest, increasing the incidence of asthma, other respiratory illnesses and cancer in those communities.

Please act now to increase air pollution controls, protect our environment, and safeguard our health!

Sincerely,

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